PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President : I have an announcement to make. Under Rule 3 (1) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai and Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar to the Panel of Chairmen for the current session of the Council.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

President : I have one more announcement to make. The House remembers that it has been decided by Government to constitute what is called the Agricultural Board. Some money was provided in the current year's budget for that purpose and it has received the assent of both the Houses. Government are now engaged on the constitution of that Board. The House will remember that the other House as well as this has a right to elect 5 members to the Agricultural Board. I have therefore to fix a day and time for the conduct of election. I decide that the election do take place tomorrow after the termination of the business of the House. It will be presided over by one of the Panel of Chairmen and the method of election will be by ballot. These five representatives of the House on the Agricultural Board will be nominated entirely by the non-official members of the House. The official members will take no part in the election.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,10,450 for

(i) the purchase of a dredger for the Alleppey port Rs. 1,10,000

(ii) the appointment of an additional draftsman in the Chief Engineers's Office Rs. 450.

The House is well aware that for the last two years the accretion of sand near the Alleppey pier has been of great concern to Government and they carried on hand dredging for those two years to keep the port open from the sand accretion. It has now become impossible to carry on that satisfactorily and also it is very expensive and therefore it was decided in consultation with the Port Officer that the only means of keeping the pier free from sand accretion is by means of a dredger. Therefore I move for a grant of Rs. 1,10,000 for the purchase of a dredger.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Can the Government give us an assurance that this dredger will not share the same fate of the weighing machine at Arukutty ?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The dredger is to be used for dredging sand. The weighing machine was meant for weighing Weighing is a concern of another department.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know which department bought the weighing machine?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The P. W. Department on behalf of the Excise authorities.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Which department has bought it?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The Public Works Department.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: If the Public Works Department has bought it, will not this dredger also share the same fate of that machine which was bought at a cost of Rs. 9,000 and odd and which is now lying useless?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : It certainly will not.

I do not think I have anything more to say about the purchase of the dredger. The House is well aware that it is necessary to keep the port open and that if ships once go to another port it will be very difficult, perhaps impossible, to get them back again and therefore I put this demand for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know whether the entire income of the Alleppey port is enjoyed by the Travancore Government or is shared by the Cochin Government also?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : It is enjoyed by the Travancore Government alone.

President : It is a Travancore Government port.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: I wanted to know whether its income is shared by the Cochin Government also?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No. It is purely enjoyed by the Travancore Government.

President : The whole thing is under the Travancore Government.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Regarding the appointment of an additional draftsman, representations were made by me last year to Government for an additional draftsman and Government were...

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : This House is not concerned with what the Chief Engineer represented to Government.

President : He is explaining all those facts for the information of the House.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Government were satisfied that an additional draftsman was necessary and approved the appointment. But owing to a mistake, that was left out in the P. W. D. budget and therefore I ask this amount of Rs. 450 as a supplementary demand.

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Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know why it was not included in the last year's budget?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: By mistake it was omitted.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): സർ, ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ഈ സഭമുൻപാകെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഡിമാൻഡിനെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഒന്നാമതായി, ഒരുലക്ഷത്തിൽ പരം രൂപാ ഡ്രെഡ്ജറിന് വേണമെന്നു കാണുന്നു.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: ഡ്രെഡ്ജർ എന്നുവച്ചാൽ എന്താണെന്നറിയാമോ?

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പിന്നീട് പറയാം.

ആലപ്പുഴ തുറമുഖത്തിൽ ഒരു ഡ്രെഡ്ജർവേണമെന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റുകാലത്തുതന്നെ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ അതു ഈ സഭയെ കൊണ്ടുന്നു പാസാക്കുമായിരുന്നു. ആ സംഗതി ഈ അവസരത്തിലെങ്കിലും കൊണ്ടുവരുവാൻ ഇടയായതിൽ എനിക്കു വളരെ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് അതിനെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. പിന്നീടുള്ളത് എൻജിനീയർആഫീസിലുള്ള സ്റ്റാഫിന്റെ നിയമനത്തിന് ആവശ്യമുള്ളപണം അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നാണ്. അതും വളരെ ആവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതുതന്നെ. അതുകൊണ്ട് ആ ഡിമാൻഡിനേയും ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

President: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,10,450 for Public Works Department for—(i) Rs. 1,10,000 for the purchase of a dredger for the Alleppey port and (ii) Rs. 450 for the appointment of an additional draftsman in the Chief Engineer's Office.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

EDUCATION.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs.5,310 under Education. The demand, Sir, consists of three items viz., (i) Contribution to the Travancore Boy Scouts Association Rs. 2,500. (ii) the appointment of a Research Chemist Rs. 1,200 and (iii) the appointment of additional clerical staff in the offices of the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting officers Rs. 1,610,

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